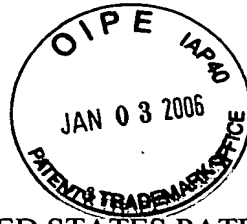


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.